

Scouts of America, Troop 45, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, John has earned the God and Country award and represented the United States at Peak 2010, an international Scout Jamboree in Darby County, England. John has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. John built an outdoor patio for the Juda House, a long-term homeless shelter in St. Joseph, Missouri. John also designed a playground and ornamental flower garden for the Juda House.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Trout for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL ASSOCIATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association. This Association was instrumental in reforming the flood and navigation system along the Mississippi River after the 1927 flood, which was one of the greatest peace-time disasters our nation has seen. This disaster wrecked the levee system and devastated over 12 million acres and drove 600,000 people from their homes. Losses were estimated at \$400 million.

A shining star in this disaster was the quick work of this Association by organizing a congressional tour at the height of the flood by special train and boats. This effort paved the way for legislation developing the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project to build a levee system to tame the Mississippi River's forces. Today, this levee system still protects hundreds of thousands of families from flooding and facilitates transportation in our inland water ways system.

The Association still lives on under the great leadership of Mr. George Grugett. Mr. Grugett's career is an example for all of us to follow. He has served as the Executive Vice President of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association since 1980. During his service to this Association, he has successfully brought together Members of Congress, senior officials within the Army Corps of Engineers, and levee boards along the Mississippi River in order to promote and develop the flood and navigation system that is so important to our economy.

I can confidently say that with Mr. Grugett's leadership we have made numerous strides in the areas of flood control and water naviga-

tion. I ask the entire House to join with me to commend Mr. Grugett for his leadership and dedication to this Association as it marks its 75th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF PAT LOE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pat Loe, on the occasion of her retirement from the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. It has been a pleasure working with Pat on various projects and she will be missed by many.

Pat is a lifelong resident of San Benito County. Prior to her service on the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, she worked for Tiffany Motor Company for 34 years.

Pat first began her career in politics when she was appointed to the San Benito County Planning Commission where she served for 10 years. Her leadership on the Commission prepared her to run for a seat on the Hollister City Council. Pat served on the council for four years and made some momentous advancements for women. She became the first woman to break the glass ceiling and serve as Mayor for the City of Hollister allowing many other councilwomen to follow suit.

On March 5, 2002, Pat was elected to the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, District 3. The County district seat is unique, wholly within an urban area, geographically in central Hollister, defined by its established homes, and its population is dominated by longtime Hollister residents. Pat was reelected on June 6, 2006 to serve a second term of four years. She was Chair of the San Benito County Supervisors in 2006 and also served as Vice-Chair in 2010.

Pat served on various committees including the Council of Governments, Local Agency Formation Commission, Veterans Park Commission, Children and Families First Commission, Community Action Board, Intergovernmental Committee, Juvenile Justice Commission, Local Task Force, Behavioral Health Board, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, City Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Gang Prevention Task Force, and National Association of Counties. She also served on various sub-committees: Community Development Block Grants, Ethics, Library Vision Committee, Governance, Redevelopment, Agency Revolving Loan Fund Board, and New Courthouse Project. She also served on other community organizations such as the Homeless Task Force, Emmaus House and Relay for Life.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our Nation's deepest gratitude to Pat Loe for all of her years of service. I wish her well and hope she enjoys the time with her family and friends. This is not a goodbye for I know that Pat will continue to serve the County of San Benito on other capacities. Pat clearly loves the County of San Benito, and she's changed

it, for the better—with her unique brand of gentle persistence.

A SALUTE TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD L. HUGHES FOR HIS 15 YEARS OF PRINCIPLED SERVICE ON THE 67TH DISTRICT COURT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me as I salute Richard L. Hughes upon his retirement from the 67th District Court in Burton, Michigan, after 15 years of proud and principled service.

Judge Hughes was first appointed to the bench in 1994. He ran successfully for the balance of the judicial term in 1996, and was twice re-elected to the position in 1998 and 2004. But his tenure on the bench was merely a capstone to his many years of formal public service. Dick's story is truly the archetype of "local boy makes good." Not many years after graduating from the Detroit College of Law in 1968 and practicing law in Detroit for a time, Dick and his wife Suzanne moved their young family to their long-time homestead in Otisville, just miles from where he was raised.

Dick practiced law in the community for 26 years before his appointment. During that time and continuing today, Dick was active in his church and as a Rotarian in the Davison and Burton clubs.

In formal service to the community, Dick truly carried on a long family tradition of holding public office. He was urged by community members to serve on the Lakeville School Board when the district was in the midst of challenging financial times. He served nearly a decade, and 6 years as president. True to his nature and sense of practicality, Dick successfully reduced the board member's compensation to just \$1 a year during the lean years.

When Dick was appointed to the 67th District Court bench in 1994, he was presented the gavel of our great-great grandfather Julian Peters who was Justice of the Peace for 24 years in Rochester, Michigan. We are all grateful that Dick has carried on our family's tradition of proud public service in the judicial branch of government.

I know that Dick's thoughtful expertise on the bench will be missed. The Burton community is fortunate, however, that Dick's son-in-law Mark Latchana will carry on Dick's tradition of proud and principled service after Mark's successful election to the seat this past November.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join my salute to my cousin, Dick Hughes, for his commitment to excellence on the bench, his dedication to community and family, and his tireless service to the public. I wish Dick, his wife Suzanne, their children Beth and Michael and their families the very best enjoyment of Dick's formal retirement. I have no doubt that although he is shedding the black robe, his service to the community will continue in earnest for many years to come.

“THIS LAND IS MY LAND”—CSM
ROCKY SHAPLA, UNITED STATES
ARMY

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a great American story, and patriot, Command Sergeant Major Rocky Shapla of Murray, Kentucky. CSM Shapla has lived the American Dream, arriving in the U.S. from Yugoslavia at the age of 15. With nothing but the shirt on his back he would rise up to become a CSM in the United States Army . . . because of his leadership and drive. He has fought in wars, just like all of our forefathers who wear the name Patriot . . . because of their service to country. With over 41 years in the service, his resume is an outstanding one to say the least. Rocky has been recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq. He loves the Army, and he loves this country. As he put it, “only in America can you come here without nothing, rise up to become a CSM in the United States Army, and have dinner at the White House with the President. Its time for this Kentucky Thoroughbred to come back home to that blue grass that he so loves, Kentucky and his family. I ask that this tribute penned in his honor by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

THIS LAND IS MY LAND

This land is my land . . .
This land is our land . . .
All in this Country Tis of Thee so grand . . .
Are but born, such fine son's . . . such son's
of liberty who stand . . .
But, some sons come from far across the seas
. . .
To but live the American Dream . . .
So many of our future great Americans, new
daughters and sons . . .
Who but new lives have begun . . .
All in their fine pursuit, of most precious
freedom . . .
Who raise their hands and take that oath
. . .
With tears in eyes, as all in their hearts as
this means the most . . .
The ones who do it the right way . . .
But, with their own fine lives, are but will-
ing to pay!
As they assimilate, into this great melting
pot . . . as its for them we pray . . .
The ones who will so proudly, wear that uni-
form . . .
As in their fine hearts, their love of country
beats ever on . . .
Willing to face death, giving up all until
none lies left . . . as they march on . . .
Living the American Dream, raising a fine
family . . . daring to dream!
Rising up through the ranks, into a Com-
mand Sergeant Major . . .
As to him, Rocky we give such thanks . . .
From one war to the next, Rocky's fine life
for us has so been pledged!
Melding into, one of America's most finest
sons!
Yes land is your land, is our land . . .
Training and leading, all of our most coura-
geous daughters and sons . . .
Succeeding, for Rocky was a man on a mis-
sion!
Coming to this new world, with but his great
dreams and visions unfurled . . .
A man who fell in love three times . . .
With his Country, his Wife . . . and the
United States Army . . . double time!
And his children, and Kentucky make five!

To live a great life, all in that old Kentucky
Clay . . .
This great land of Lincoln, Ali, and most be-
loved Henry his dreams were made . . .
Doing it, doing the Right Way . . . the Amer-
ican Way . . .
Only in America, can one travel across the
seas, and a Command Sergeant Major
rise up to be . . .
And raise a fine family, and live the dream
. . . a shake the President's hand it
seems!
For hearts of courage full, and fine patriots
. . . who live by that golden rule . . .
Coming across the shores, with hearts of
dreams so very full . . .
This Land is my land, this land is our Land
. . . may live the American Dream so
true!

IN HONOR OF TONY CAMPOS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a model public servant who dedicated his life to the betterment of the Pajaro Valley on California's central coast. Tony Campos, a native of the Pajaro Valley, has served his community as a city councilmember, a mayor, and a county supervisor since 1987. His leadership and dedication has resulted in many successes. Moreover, his loyalty and compassion made him a dear friend to me and many others.

Tony was born and raised in the Pajaro Valley, graduated from Watsonville High School and attended Cabrillo College. He spent fourteen years working in the sprawling agricultural fields with his father. From this strong foundation, Tony sought to continue his success by becoming a small-business owner. However, the biggest success in his life came in March of 1977 when he married Becky Tegenkamp.

In 1987, Tony was elected as to the Watsonville City Council. He was the first Latino elected to the City Council since the city's incorporation in 1868. Two years later, he demonstrated exemplary leadership in the Loma Prieta earthquake and its aftermath. As Mayor of Watsonville, Tony led the city through one of its worst natural disasters when the Pajaro River overflowed, flooding large portions of the Pajaro Valley.

In June of 1998, Tony became the first Latino elected to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors since 1853. For twelve years, he fought tirelessly to improve social and health services in the county. Moreover, as Chairman of the Board, Tony has brought further attention to the needs of seniors, Latinos, young people, and farm workers. Recently, Tony accomplished his goal of equal access to the courts and other government services by playing an instrumental role in the construction of the new Watsonville Civic Center.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize this community leader and to applaud him for his tenure on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. As Tony begins the next chapter of his life, he will continue to be a strong advocate for the Pajaro Valley and the Central Coast. I wish my friend and his lovely wife all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 581 to designate the Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building; rollcall 582 to support the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day; rollcall 584 for the Claims Resolution Act 2010; rollcall 585 to honor and recognize the exemplary service of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California; rollcall 586 to honor and recognize the National Guard on the occasion of its 374th anniversary.

Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” for all votes. I am a cosponsor of the Lance Corporal Arredondo Post Office legislation and the resolution honoring the National Guard, and I have consistently voted to recognize and honor the service and sacrifices of our nation's servicemembers and military families. I commend the National Guard, which has served our nation with distinction and honor for 374 years and deserves the greatest respect and gratitude.

RECOGNITION OF HUGH DORRIAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COM- MUNITY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hugh Dorrian as he is honored by the Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation. He has been a man of honor in politics, something rare in these times. I cannot remember him ever running a negative ad or engaging in a personal attack on an opponent. He is recognized by the citizens of Columbus as someone who serves with great integrity and in whom they have placed their trust and confidence to safeguard public resources. In office, he does not play partisan politics. He may not give other officials the answer that they want to hear, but he can be counted on to give what he sees as the correct answer about public funds, the budget and spending.

Hugh Dorrian is a man of faith, a devoted husband and father, and his name is well-known in the Irish American community.

As Columbus City Auditor for over four decades, Hugh has seen many changes yet remained steadfast in his commitment to managing the City's fiscal resources. He was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 30 consecutive years.

Hugh has received numerous accolades throughout the years including the St. Charles